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W & L Rolls Dies

Descendants.

Rebecca Fraser MD dau Quaker
married Dies Nov 8/1917 400ac
as dau of a subaltern

CANADIAN MEDICAL SERVICE

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DIES.

Notes from "Early Palatine Emigration," by Knittle.

3rd Party--Embarked June 5 to 10, 1709.

Dies, Johan & vrouw.

5th Party--Embarked 3 to 10 July, sailed 15 July, 1709.

Deis, Johan & vrouw, 3 ch(ildren).

Deis, Marcus & vrouw, 3 ch(ildren).

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List of Loyalists Against Whom Judgments Have Been Made Under The Confiscation Act. (The original is in New York Public Library, N. Y. City).

Names	Town	County	Addition	Indictment when found	Judgment when signed
Dies, Matthew,	Cocksadie Dist.,	Albany,	Surveyor	3 May, 7th yr. of Independence	27 Dec.1783
Dice, Matthew	do	do	Yeoman	28 Apr., 5th yr. of Independence	14 July, 1783.
Dies, Jacob G.	do	do	do	do	do

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Minutes of the Commissioners for Detecting and Defeating Conspiracies in the State of New York. Published by the State of New York, Albany, 1909.

Vol. II: 1780-1781.

p. 523.

Met Albany 15th September, 1780.

A Certificate dated 9th September signed by Samuel Van Veghten Esqr. one of the Justices of the peace for the County of Albany was laid before the Board where- in he sets forth that agreeable to the last mentioned act of the Legislature he has warned the following persons to remove out of this State or to such parts of it as are in the power of the enemy Vizt. Catharine DIES the wife of Jacob DIES, Eva DIES the wife of Mathew DIES, and others.

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Haldimand Papers.

Copies of the original documents created during the Governorship of General Hald- imand in Canada from 1776 to 1784. These are found in the Public Archives of Canada, at Ottawa. They number more than 220 volumes.

Matthew Dies.

Officers of the 2nd King's Royal Regiment of New York. (vol. 112?)

Q. Mr. Dies, born in America, farmer, has served 7 years.

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Roll of N. C. Os. & Men Enlisted in 1st Kings R. R. of N. Y. since formation to date. Pointe Clair, 17 May, 1781.

Mathew Dies 18 Aug. 1777. He joined the 2nd Batt. K.R.R.N.Y. as Quartermaster, 12 Nov., 1781.

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DIES.

Haldimand Papers (cont'd).

Roll of Men of 2nd K. R. R. N. Y. (Vol. B-158)

John Dies, enlisted 1 Dec., 1782. (see War Office Papers).

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Return of Unincorporated Loyalists & Families Provisioned at Government Expense.
(vol. B-166)

25 Dec., 1781, to 24 Jan., 1782.

Mrs. Dies, with 1 son under six, 3 daus. over 6, 1 dau. under six
Newcomers, of Royal Yorkers, at Ste. Genevieve.
(? Mrs. Jacob?)

24 March, 1783

Mrs. Dies, 1 son under six, 2 daus. over 6 2nd R. Yorkers, at St. Michel.
(? Mrs. Matthew?)

24 July, 1783

same as March 1783.

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Return of Unincorporated Loyalists Exclusive of those Stationed at the Upper
Posts (This is undated, but late in 1783) (vol. B-166).

Jacob Dies, with wife, 1 son over 12, 1 son between 6 & 12, 1 dau. over 12,
2 daus. between 6 & 12. Carpenter.

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Return of Unincorporated Loyalists Victualled 24 Jan., 1784. (vol. B-168).

Mrs. Dies, with 1 son over 6, 2 daus. over 6, Q. H. R. in 2nd Royal
Yorkers.

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Return of Disbanded Soldiers & Loyalists settled in Township 3 (Cataragui)
6 Oct., 1784 (Note: this is Fredericksburgh).

Q.M.R Dies, 2nd K. R. R., with wife, 4 daus. over 10, 1 dau. under 10

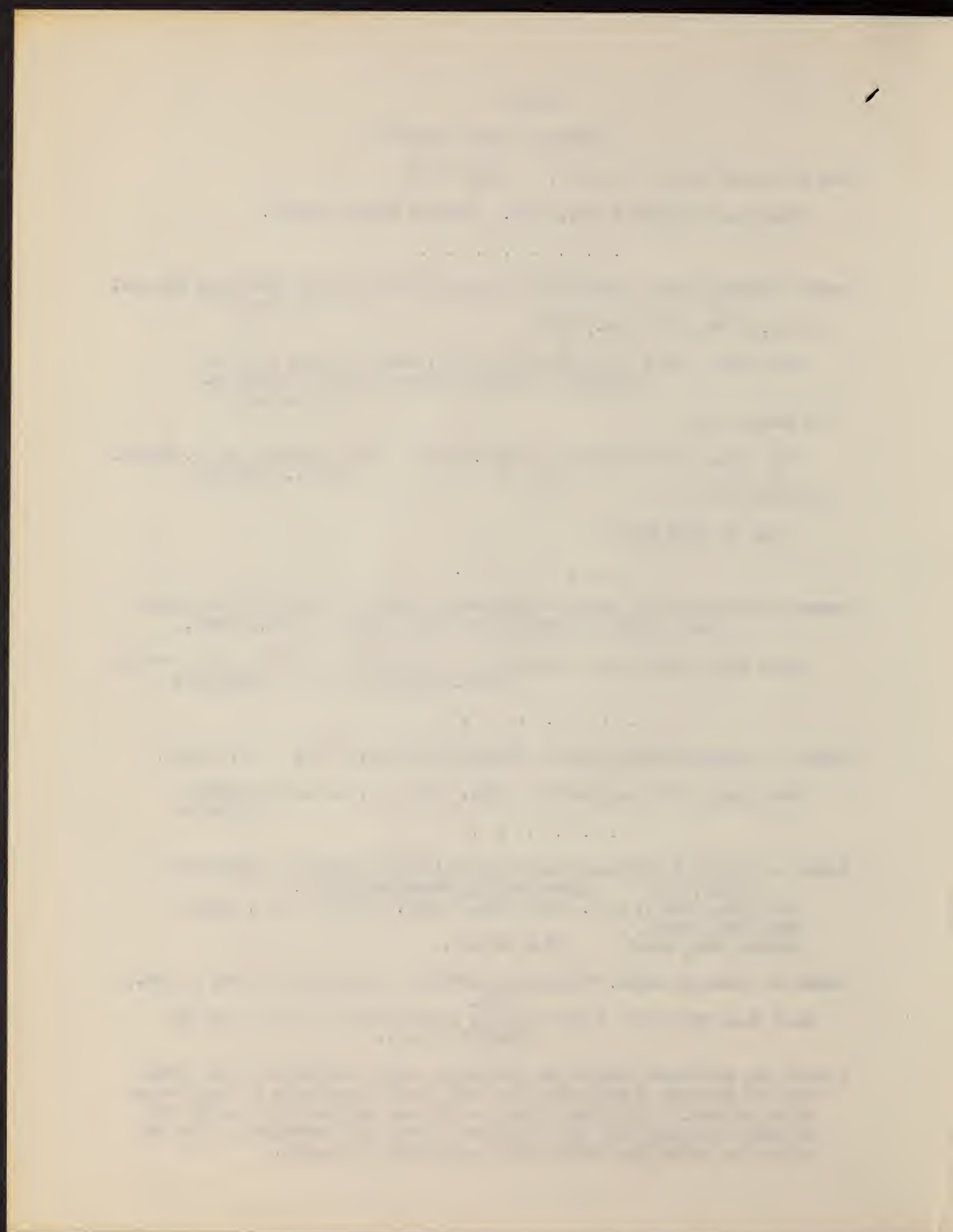
John Dies, single.

Matthew Dies, single Sick at home.

Return of Disbanded Solds. & Loyalists settled on Seigneurie of Sorel, 12 Sep.,
1784.

Jacob Dies, with wife, 2 sons over 10, 1 son under 10, 2 daus. over 10
Settled 14 June.

I might add that these returns are confusing, mainly because sons were often
taken on strength of regiments when still small, especially if their father
was an officer. In addition, girls over 16 were automatically struck off,
it being considered that they were able to fend for themselves, either by
marrying or going into service with some officer's family.



DIES.

CHURCH RECORDS.

Christ Church, Sorel.

Baptisms.

- 1784, 28 Nov., --John Doty, born 7th inst., son of Jacob Goelet Dies and Catherine, his wife.
1789, 15 Nov. --Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob G. Dies and Catherine, his wife, born 27 Sept. last.

Marriages.

- 1794, 28 Oct., -- William Low, merchant, to Mary Dies.

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St. Paul's Church, Fredericksburgh.

Baptisms.

- 26 Sept., 1790, Peggy, daughter of Matthew & Eva Dies, of Fredericksburgh.
20 Jan., 1793, Jacob Goelet, son of do do do

Marriages.

- 6 July, 1790, Abraham Lorraway & Katreen Dies, both of Fredericksburgh

Witnesses.

- John Dies witnessed the marriage of Abraham Lorraway & Katreen Dies.
Rebekah Dies was witness on 5 Aug., 1792 and 12 May, 1794.

Dutch Reformed Church, later Presbyterian, Ernesttown (just east of Fred'ksburgh).

Baptisms.

- 1802, 10 Jan, birth of Euphany, dau. of Robert Fraser & Rebekah Dice.
1805, 8 Jan., do Katharine do do do
;807, 22 Apr. do Thomas, son do do

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Children of Loyalists Who Applied for Lands in Upper Canada (Ontario), with dates of granting.

- Dies, Matthew, of Fredericksburgh, Gr. Mr. K. R. R. N. Y.
John, of Hamilton Township, 6 Aug. 1840(?).
Matthew, of Ameliasburgh, 12 Oct. 1841 (?).
Lydia, Land Board Certificate for Lot 16, Concession 6, Richmond Township.
Rebecca, married David Fraser of Ernesttown. Land Board Certificate for Lot 17, Concession 6, Richmond Township.
Catherine, married Abraham Lawaway, of Fredericksburgh Township. Land Board Certificate for Lot 13, Concession 3, Richmond Township.
Babcock, Meriam, dau. of Benjamin Babcock, U. E., of Kingston, married George Dies, of Tyendinaga Township. (Evidently a grandson of Matthew, Sr.) drew lands 11 Feb., 1836.

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War Office Papers. (Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa).

Men of 2nd K. R. R. N. Y.

- Pte. Dise, John, born in America, aged 20 yrs., 5'6" in height, 3 years service (Note: I believe this to be a younger son of Matthew, Sr., and not married). (Compare with Will of next page).

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Calendar of Wills, New York State, State Library, Albany, N. Y.

No. 554

Dated 24 August, 1796.

Probated 29 June, 1799.

Jane Dies, widow, of Catskill Landing, Albany County.

Will mentions

Children: Matthew
Rebecca
Jacob
John
Catharine

Grandchildren:

of Matthew:

Matthew
John
Jane
Margaret

of Jane, deceased (Mrs. John I. Dubois).

James
Jemmet

of Jacob

not named.

Property

Farms at Schoharie Kill.
Lots at Catskill Landing.
Land in Fennelhook Patent.
Personal Property.

Executors:

John U. Dubois, of Catskill Landing, who is also made guardian of
his above-named children by Jane, dau. of testatrix.

The three sons, Matthew, Jacob and John.

Daughter, Catharine.

Witnesses: John Lay.

Laurence Merkel.

James Parker.

Recorded ut supra, p. 200.

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These are notes taken from FRENCH'S GAZETTER

Pg. 605 Under "GILBOA" (Schoharie County) it mentions that Gilboa was formed from Blenheim and Broome March 16, 1848.

Settlement was commenced in 1764 by Matthew and Jacob Dise

A footnote on this page says that these two settlers joined the British and fled to Canada during the Revolution.

John Dise built the first mill in 1764.

Elsewhere in French's Gazeteer under "DYSE'S MANOR" it is mentioned that the present town of Conesville was formed from a tract originally known as Dyse's Manor and that a John Dise was a co-owner of the original patent.

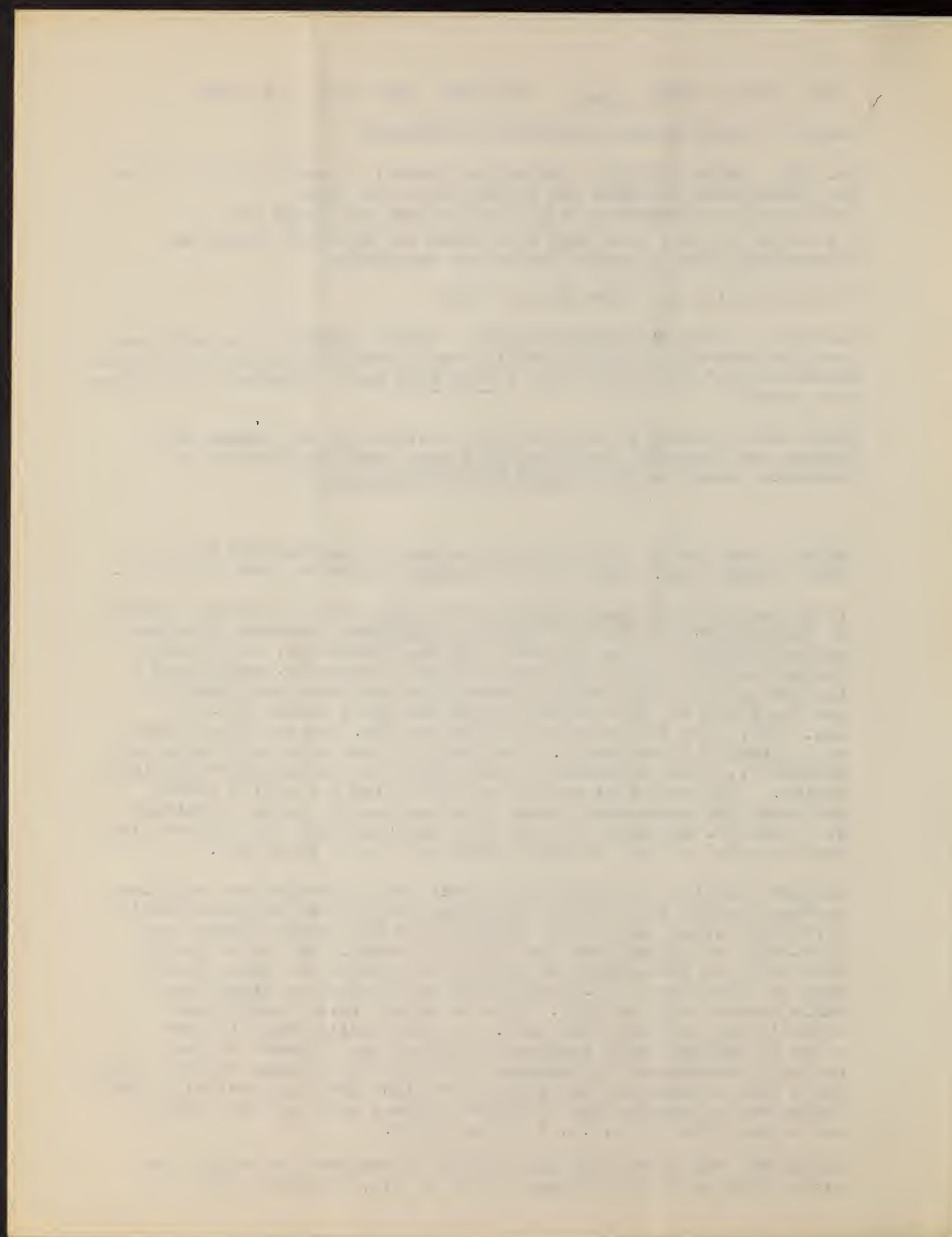
Under Greene County it mentions that Prattsville was formed from Wyndham and among the early settlers were Dutch immigrant from Schoharie County including JOHN AND PETER VAN LOAN

NOTE: This is the extent of any documented information that I have to date (Jan. 1964) The following questions come to my mind.

Is it possible that the Matthew Dyse or Dies or Dise who was married to Eva Van Loon and was the father of ~~Caroline~~/ Margaret Dyse who married Benjamin Harlow Hartwell was the Matthew Jr. of Canadian United Empire Loyalist records? If that Matthew Jr. was 16 not 6 in 1784 he would have been old enough to have been the father to the Peggy who was bpt. 26 Sept. 1790 and Jacob Goelet bpt. 20 Jan. 1793. On the other hand if Matthew Jr. was the eldest son as is likely of Matthew Sr., families in those days were large and Matthew Sr. could of course be the father to the two above mentioned babies. The fact that we know Margaret Dise Hartwell's mother was named Eva would mean though that she was the child of Matthew Sr since Dr. Burleigh of Bath, Ont. mentions that the Matthew Dies, Quartermaster of the 2nd King's RRNY had a wife named Eva.

Another question in my mind is, "Could the descendant who supplied information for the Hartwell Genealogy have gotten Margaret Dise's birthplace wrong and also in stating that her father started the first mill in Gilboa have the date 1803 wrong? Or did he start a mill there in 1764, leave as a Loyal subject of the King, claim land in Canada as a U.E.Loyalist and then return to Gilboa and build another mill in 1803. This is almost forty years after French's says he built the mill. I know family tradition has a way of getting facts somewhat distorted and I wonder if the Hartwell descendants of Benjamin Harlow Hartwell whose father, Oliver was a Rev. soldier did not want to overlook the fact that his wife's father was a Loyalist and therefore glossed over the fact that he was absent from the U.S.A. for some years.

Question: Was above John Dise father of Matthew and Jacob? Was either John or Peter Van Loan father of Eva, Matthew's wife?



DIES (Dyse, Dyce)

Van Loon

MATTHEW DIES, born.....? Son of

Known: According to the Public Record Office, Ottawa, Canada, (Audit Office 13, American Loyalists Claims, Series II, Vol. 80) Matthew Dies stated that he was formerly from Schohary Hill, County of Albany, State of New York, that he was a quartermaster in the late 2nd Battalion of the King's Royal Regiment of New York and that he then resided at Fredericksburgh, Bay of Quinte. He asked for £ 66.2.0 in compensation for losses sustained.

List of United Empire Loyalists in Canada (Ontario Crown Lands)

Matthew Dies, Senior, Fredericksburgh, Quartermaster RRYN, 1786

Matthew Dies, Junior, son of above. (M.G.9, D4, Vol.9, pp. 63-64)

Haldimand Papers

Return of disbanded troops of Loyalists settled in township #3 (Cataraqui) mustered this 6 October, 1784: Matthew Dies. Single. 2nd Battalion of RRYN. (M.G.21, B.168, p.72).

Upper Canada Land Petitions

In a petition, Matthew Dies, quartermaster in the late 2nd Battalion of the King's Royal Regiment of New York, states that he had already received 800 acres of land, 300 of which were for his family and 500 for himself, being lot 17, 2nd concession, in Fredericksburg, and lots 5,6,16, 7th township, Bay of Quinte, but that he believes himself entitled to 2700 acres for self and family. Requests the remaining 1700 be assigned to him. Kingston, 15 June, 1789. An unsigned pencil notation states that he had received all the land to which he was entitled (R.G.1, L3, Vol.1710) but the minutes of the Land Committee of the Executive Council admit the validity of his claim. (R.G.1, L3, Vol.18, p.154).

Matthew Dies, Junior of Fredericksburgh, also petitioned for land and produced a certificate that he had served for a year in the 2nd Battalion of the King's Royal Regiment of New York and was discharged 24 June, 1784, when he was 6 years and 9 months old. (I, J.Widger wonder if this is an error on the original record or in the copying for it must have meant 16 years... I hope!!!! Else our ancestors had precocious and mature 5 to 6 year olds.) The committee decided that he had been too young to receive the privileges of a discharged soldier, although he was entitled to land as the son of a Loyalist (R.G.1, ~~E15/A/Vol.28~~ L3, Vol.154, pp.7-7c).

Public Accounts, Quebec.

A Matthew Dies was employed as Assistant Surveyor in the Cataraqui and Bay of Quinte regions in 1784-1785. (R.G.1, E15, A, Vol28)

***** This information was sent me 3/25/1963 by R. Comeau, for Pierre Brunet, Assistant Dominion Archivist.

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Haldimand Papers

2 K R R N Y (vol B 112?)

A. Mr. Dies, born America. served 7 years, farmer.

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Roll of N.C.Os. & men enlisted for 1st K R R N.Y. since formation to date, ✓
Pointe Clair. 17 May. 1781

Mathew Dies 18 Aug. 1777

Roll of men of 2nd K R R N Y Enlisted since 25 Oct., 1781

Enlisted Aug 1777 joined 2nd Batt., 12 Nov. 1781
rel.

John Dies 1 Dec 1782

B. 166

Return of Unincorporated Loyalists & families Provisioned, 25 Dec 1781
to 24 Jan 1782

M Mrs. Dies 0 1 0 1 3 1 ^{+6 -6 +6 -6} R. Yorkers, Ste Genevieve. New Comers

ditto 24 Mar 1783
^{+6 -6 +6 -6}

M Mrs Dies 0 1 0 1 2 0 2d R. Yorkers St Michael

ditto 24 July 1783

M Mrs. Dies 0 1 0 1 2 0 ^{+6 -6 +6 -6} do do

Exclusive of Upper Posts (Nov. 1783)

J Jacob Dies 1 1 1 1 0 1 2 0 ^{+12 9/12 -6} Carpenter

B. 168

Return of Unincorporated Loyalists victualled 24 Jan 1784

M Mrs. Dies, St. Lawrence, 0 1 1 0 2 0 ^{+6 -6 +6 -6} QMR 2d R.Y.

Muster of Disbanded Soldiers & Loyalists in Tp 3 (Catawaqua) 6 Oct 1784

M Q Mr Dies, 2 K R R. 1 1 0 0 4 1 ^{+10 -10 +10 -10}

John Dies 1

Mathew Dies 1

sick at home.

Return of Loy. & Disb. Soldiers Detl. in Seryuery of Sord 12 Sep 1784

Jacob G. Dies 1 1 2 1 2 0 ^{+10 -10 +10 -10} 14 June

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Christ Church
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The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been
 named in the above report, in the order in which they were
 named:

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Calendar of Wills, N.Y. State.

State Library, Albany, N.Y.

No 554

made 24 Aug 1796

Probed 29 June 1799

Jane Dies, widow, of Catskill Landing, Albany County

Children: Matthew

Rebecca

Jacob

John

Catharine

Grand children

of son Matthew:

Matthew

John

Jane

Margaret

of Jane, deceased (Mrs Dubois) (Mrs John I. Dubois)

James

Jane

of son Jacob

not named

Farms at Schoharie Kill

lots at Catskill Landing

land in Tammenhook Patent

Personal Property

Executors: John I. Dubois of Catskill Landing, who is also made guardian of his above named children by Jane, dau. of testatrix

The three sons, Matthew Jacob and John

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Witnesses: John Day

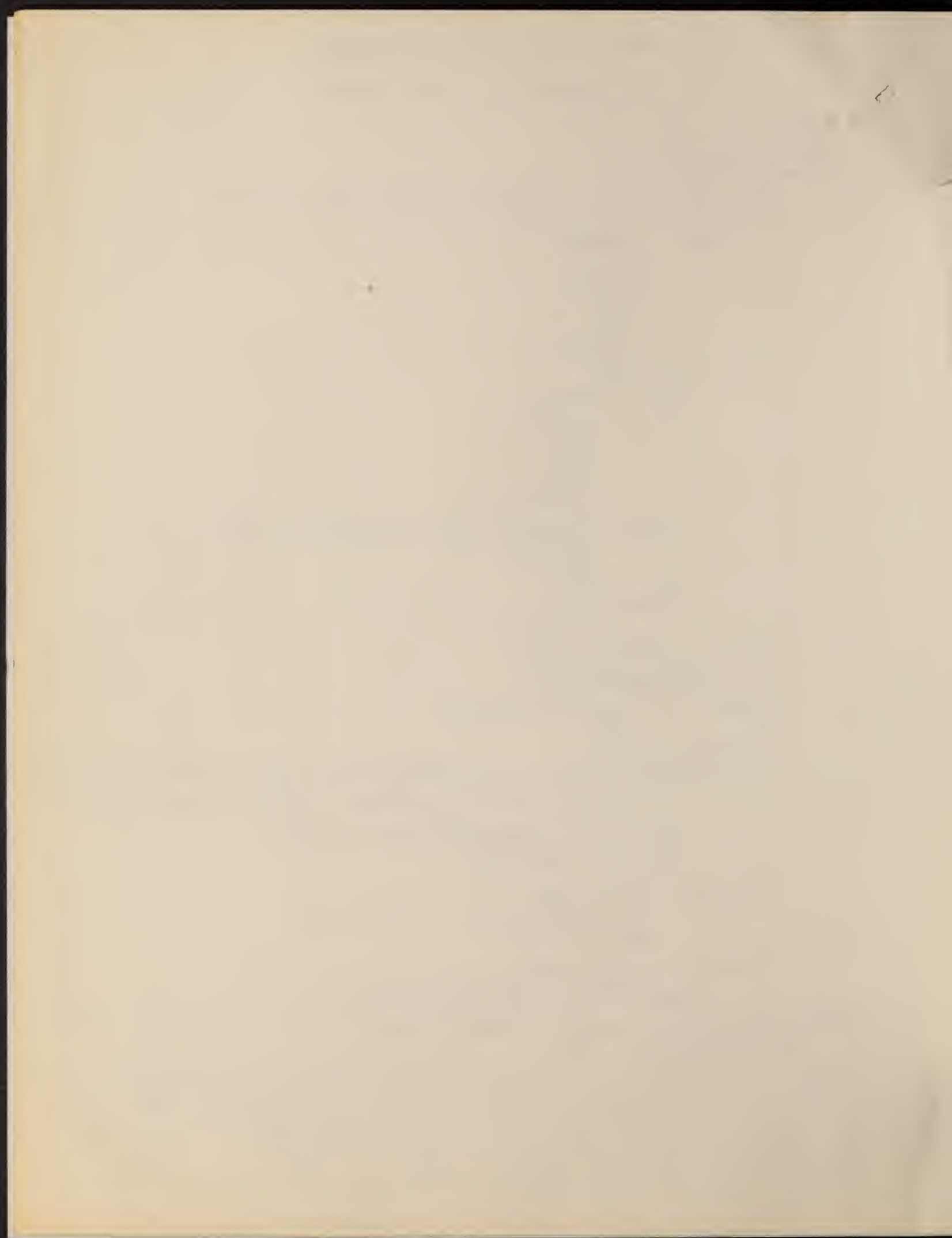
Laurence Merkel

James Parker

Recorded ut supra, p. 200

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Dies, Matthew	do	do	Yeoman	28 4 mo 5 yr "	14 July 1783
Dies, Jacob E.	do	do	do	do.	do.



Early Palatine Immigration.
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Dies, Johan & vrouw

Fifth Party--Emb. 3-10 July, sailed 15 July, 1709

Deis, Johan & vrouw, 3 ch

Deis, Marcus & vrouw, 3 ch

N.Y. Subsistence List

Nil.

Simmendinger List

Nil.

Shannonville Cemetery

Abraham Dies 1813-1895

Mary Ann Shurtwaint her 1826-1910

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Haldimand Papers Dies
v. B. 166

25 Dec 1781 to 24 Jan 1782

Mrs. Dies 0 1 0 1 3 1 ⁺⁶⁻⁶ Rl. Yorkers Ste Genevieve
new comers

24 Mar 1783

Mrs. Dies 0 1 0 1 2 0 ⁺⁶⁻⁶ 2^d Rl. Yorkers St. Michel

24 July 1783

Mrs Dies 0 1 0 1 2 0 ⁺⁶⁻⁶ 2^d R. Yorkers Sault au
Recollet x St Michael

Exclusive of Upper Posts.

Jacob Dies 5 1 1 1 0 1 2 ^{+12 6/12 -6} carpenter

THE CANADIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY
(PLEASE USE BOTH SIDES)

Quartermaster (Mathew) Dies

K. R. R. N. Y. (Pap. & Rec. XXVII p 321)

P. 321

Rank	Name	Place of nativity	Years of service	Former situation and remarks
	Q. Mr. (Mathew) Dies	America	7 years	Farmer.

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McDowall Register

Baptisms

Emestown

Robert Fraser, Rebecca Dies	→ Euphamey	b. 10 Jan 1802
	→ Katharine	b. 8 Jan 1805
	→ Thomas	b. 22 Apr 1807

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Provincial Archives

Dies, Mathew, of Fredericksburg, Qr. Mr. K R R N Y.

see O.C. 2 Jan 1817

John, of Emestown

O.C. 6 Aug 1840 (?)

Mathew, of Anicharburg

12 Oct 1841 (?)

Lydia

L.B. Cert 16/6 Richmond

Rebecca, marr. David Fraser of Emestown

L.B. Cert 17/6 Richmond

Catherine, marr. Abraham Faraway, of Fredericksburg

L.B. Cert 13/3 Richmond.

Babcock, Meriam, dau. of Benjamin Babcock, U.C., of Kingston, marr.

George Dies, of Tyendinaga

O.C. 11 Feb 1836.

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13 Sept., 1964.

Dear Mrs. Widger:

I am sure that you must have given me up as a source of information. The truth is that, besides a village practice, I am besieged by letters requesting assistance in genealogical or local historical matters. I put some paper in the typewriter and begin a letter. Then something happens that interferes with it. Several days later, the incomplete letter is removed to give way to something more urgent. Presently, the unfinished paper becomes covered with other documents. Then, my wife wishes to clean and dust the den. That means piling the scattered papers into a pile, thus inadvertently burying the unfinished paper more deeply. The upshot is that it may be several months before it again comes to the surface and in my consciousness. And that is what happened to your letter. To-day, however, I determined that I should finish things for you, come what may. So, I am adding all the data I had in mind for you.

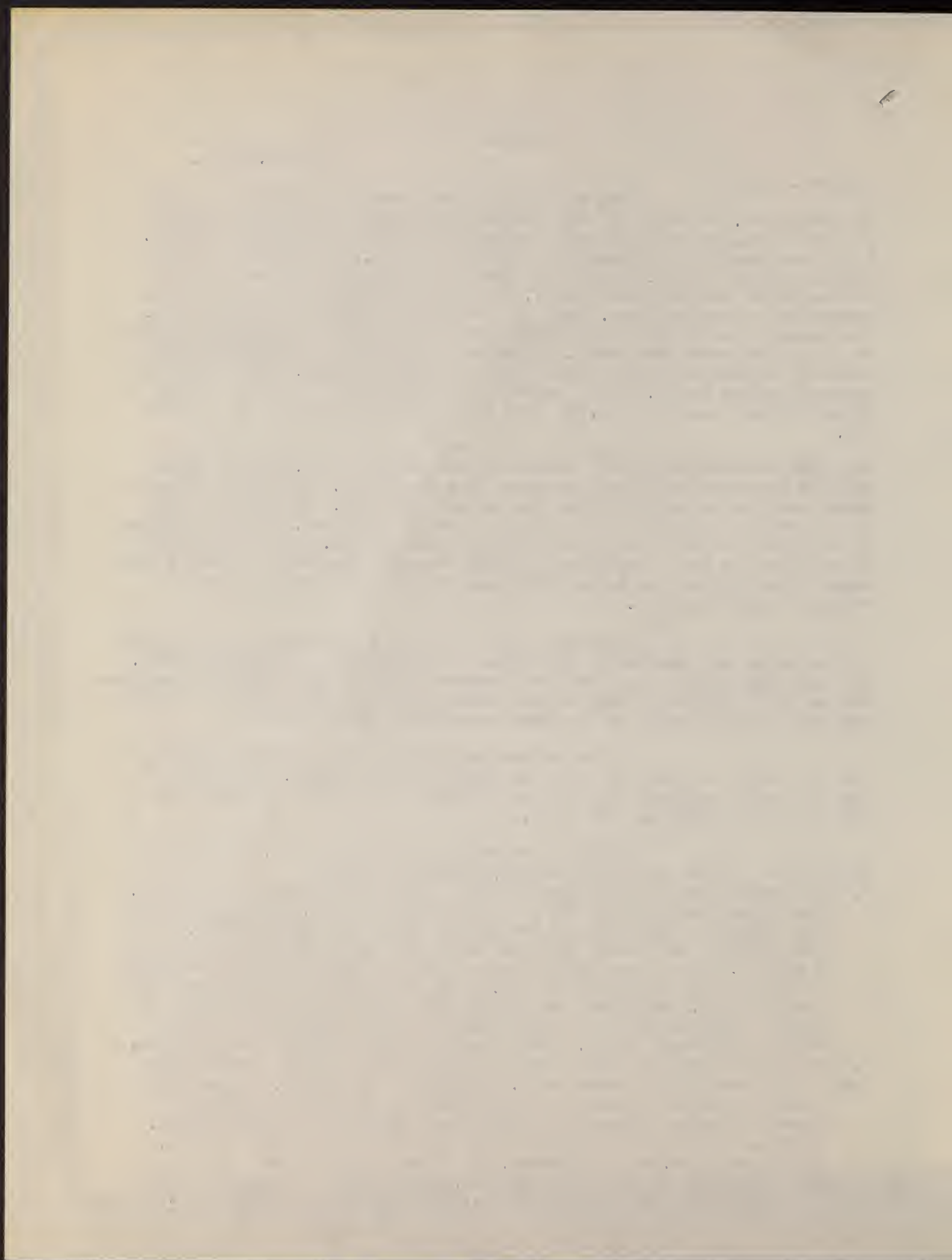
There are a good many comments which I could make, but I feel that you, with your experience, can figure it out. Without doubt the most important item is the resume of Jane Dies' will. Its probate without doubt dates the return of Matthew Dies to New York State. And without doubt the property at Schoharie Kill was in the vicinity of Gilboa. The will mentions granddaughter Margaret, who was then only 10 years of age. Also notes that she is not listed as having drawn land in Upper Canada as daughter of Matthew, the reason being that she had to be twenty one, or married, as well as being a resident, before applying.

You will also note that the daughters, Lydia, Rebecca and Catherine, who remained in Canada, are not mentioned in grandmother's will. The sons, John and Matthew, must have remained in Canada until they were twenty-one, as they drew land. I know nothing further of them, except that one of them must have been the father of the George who married Merim Babcock.

I assume that John Dies was the parents of Matthew, John and Jacob, and that his widow was Jane, of the 1796 will. At the same time I am quite confident that she was a Goelet, the daughter of Jacob, for whom two of her grandsons were names.

Thank you for your offer of assistance. You might be able to help me with one or two of them. Briefly, they are:

1. James Reuben Howe and wife, Maria Walker, lived at Fairhaven in the 1860's. Maria died there 22 July, 1864, at childbirth, aged 42. He re-married his sister-in-law, Nancy (Walker) Powley, who had a son, George Powley. In 1869, March, they removed to Munda, where his (James) brother, William, had a brewery. Several years after James, Nancy and George removed to Gladwin, Michigan, where James died in 1892. It is almost certain that James' surname was Rice. Could you look into the 1873 census of Munda for them, as well as William? There was another William Howe in the region of Munda who of a different family. I hope that the census reveals place of birth.
2. William Powell died in Oneida County in 1826. I have his will and have located his gravestone at Western, N. Y. He was then aged 76 yrs. 3 mos. 13 dys. Family legend has it that he lost his wife and all (several) children except a daughter, Olive, in an Indian and Loyalist raid about 1777-81. There was a William in Argyle Town who may have been the man. The dau., Olive, was my gr. gr. grandmother. She married James Randolph, II, and came to Canada, as a widow, in 1814-20. James Randolph, I, was of Argyle Town, Washington Co., in 1790 census. By 1800 both were in Oneida Co.



The story of the Powell massacre is described in Stone's Life of Brant, page 311, vol. I, in almost the same words as my grandmother described to me. William left sons, William, John, James and Dennis, and daughters, Olive Randolph and Sarah Van Black.

3. Elisha Rice married, 1810, at Kingston, Ont., Elizabeth Galloway, dau. of George Galloway, a Loyalist from New York in 1784. Elisha apparently died and his widow, with two or three children--William, James Reuben, and a daughter--remarried George Howe, and her children took the name of Howe. It is very possible that Elisha Rice belonged to descendants of Edmund Rice, a number of whose Rice descendants removed from Vermont to New York State about 1790-1800.

You very likely cannot be of much help to me.

However, if you have available the census of 1871 for Munda, you might look for James Reuben Howe and his brother, William. Should you ever visit Munda, you might find available a list of gravestone records for that place. Otherwise there is nothing else to do except to keep my queries in mind.

If I can be of assistance with your Dies enquiry, please call on me. I may have put things badly, and some may need clarification. I can suggest a closer look at the will of Jane Dies, widow. It may be of great assistance. You need, also, to look into the church records of Catskill Landing and neighboring places. I assume that the Dies originally belonged to the Lutheran Church.

Yours sincerely,

990 Pixley Road
Rochester, New York
January 18, 1964

H. C. Burleigh, M. D.
Bath, Ontario
Canada

Dear Dr. Burleigh:

If you could only know how much I have wanted to be able to sit down and devote time to replying to your fine letter of December, 1963, you would know how much your letter meant to me. However my tardiness must have appeared to you like discourtesy and lack of interest. Such was not the case, however, for each day I would think, "This is the day when I will write to Dr. Burleigh!!", but each day so many things would crop up that needed attention.

Indeed the MATTHEW DIES you mention must be the one I am seeking, yet locations and dates puzzle me. On a separate sheet I will fill you in on the information I have and what I seek re: Matthew and his wife, Eva Van Loon.

My husband is also a physician. He is a surgeon in private practice but on the part time teaching staff of Strong Memorial Hospital as an Assistant Professor of Surgery. He was born in Cortland, New York. Both of his parents had been married before and had children who were pretty well grown up before my husband and his two brothers were born. His parents had both passed away before we met and he did not know a great deal about his ancestors but from what he did know and from writing to two elderly aunts, one maternal and one paternal, I have been able to find out quite a bit of information. While Dr. Widger is not actively interested in genealogy he is always glad when I find any information I am seeking on either of our ancestors and he encourages me to take as active an interest as I find I am able to with three busy and active youngsters.

So it was in tracing his maternal great grandmother, Caroline Hartwell Hecox that I found her mother's name was "Margaret Dyce" and her father's name was Benjamin. I got this information from a New York State ~~Birth~~ Death Certificate. It gave her mother's birth place only as N.Y. State, but it said she ^(Caroline) was born in Broome County. Once I knew her parents names I found there was a Hartwell Family Genealogy and found she was in it. In this it stated, "Benjamin Harlow Hartwell, born 1772, d. Oct. 29, 1848, bu. at Smyrna, N.Y., married Margaret Dyse or Dies, b. 1789, d. Sept. 11, 1857. She was a dau. of Mathew Dies of Gilboa, N.Y., who built the first mill in Gilboa in 1803 and Eva Van Loon. He went from Cattskill, Greene County to Chenango County, New York."

In hoping to find out more about Margaret Dies (Dyse, Dyce) parents, I looked up information in a County History book about Gilboa and it was there I learned that Matthew Dies had been a United Empire Loyalist and so wrote to the Dominion Archivist in Ottawa. From him I learned that Matthew Dies, formerly from Schoharie Hill, County of Albany, State

John P. Dies = Jane
Wed 24.8.1796
Pro 29.6.1799

MATTHEW DIES = EVA VAN LOON

HARTWELL
BENJAMIN ~~HECOX~~ = MARGARET DYCE MATTHEW JR
b. 1772 - d 29.10.1848 b. 1789 d 11.9.1857 b. Sept 1777
bp. 26.9.1790

Jacob Hecox & CAROLINE HARTWELL ~~HECOX~~

WILLIS SEXTON & SARA HECOX

WM GALKINS & MINNIE L. SEXTON - 2° BYRON ELKANAH WIDGER

1947
STANLEY W. WIDGER = (LOIS) JANE TERRY

of New York had claimed compensation for losses sustained as he had served as quartermaster in the 2nd Battalion of the King's Royal Regiment of New York. He also said that Matthew Dies, Jr. of Fredericksburg also petitioned for land and produced a certificate that he had served for a year in the king's Royal Regiment of New York and was discharged 24 June, 1784, when he was six years and nine months old. The committee decided that he had been too young to receive the privileges of a retired soldier, although he was entitled to land as the son of a Loyalist. (I hope the records were in error and that the lad was sixteen, not six when discharged!!)

This background of my only information I wished to give you. You clearly know more of the Dies family than I and I wondered if you were also related to them?

According to Caroline Hartwell Hecox's death certificate of 1898, her mother, Margaret Dyce is listed as being born in New York State. This is no doubt an error, as the "Peggy" baptized 26 Sept. 1790 is ~~probably~~ *over* Margaret, as "Peggy" or "Meg" would be a nick-name for Margaret and according to the Hartwell Genealogy, Margaret Dies was born 1789, *and could have been bpt. later.*

What I am curious about is how Matthew happened to return to the U.S. to start a mill in Gilboa in 1803. It also looks as though his older children may have remained in Canada.

If you have any other information or could make any suggestions as to where I might search, I would indeed appreciate it. I would be interested in Matthew Dies ancestry and also his wife's as well as his children etc.

Now, what can I do to help you? I note that you are interested in Powells and Randolphs. I am sorry to say I have no information on these families. However if there are any sources of information that I might check for you here in Rochester I would be very happy to do so. I also belong to a group here that is primarily interested in genealogy and if you have any specific questions or problems that you could outline for me I would see if any of them know any answers. Our Library has a fairly good Genealogy section. Not nearly as complete as Syracuse has, but good. We have quite a few County Histories and microfilmed census records. I would sincerely like to help you and would gladly devote an afternoon to searching in our Library for anything you might think could possibly be of help to you.

Since I guess U.S. stamps would not help in Canada I am sending some change for stamps and enclosing an addressed envelope. Even if you have no more Dies information, please don't hesitate to tell me what ways I might be of assistance to you. I note on a map that Bath is "across the Lake" and a little east of Rochester as the crow flies... but I guess much farther by our means of travel. So if I can do some N.Y. State searching for you I would be pleased.

Sincerely,

Jane Terry Widger

over

1. Matthew Hise + Eva Van Loon
2. Margaret Hise m. Benjamin Hartwell
3. Caroline Hartwell m. Jacob Hecox
4. Maria Sarah Hecox m. Wells Sexton
5. Minnie Louise Sexton m. 1. Wm. Calburn dec.
m. 2. Byron Elkanah Widger
as his 2nd wife

6. Stanley Wells Widger m. 1947

(Lois) Jane Terry daughter
of George Albert Terry and
Carrie J. De Wolf of Buffalo, N.Y.

Both my parents are 85 and
are just wonderful. Busy
all the time. They winter in
Florida — summer at Cranberry
Lake in the Adirondacks and are
in Buffalo with us spring & fall.

7. We have

Nancy Jane — just 15
Stanley W. Jr. " 13
Joan Maryett 8

War Office Papers

✓ Muster Roll of 2d K.R.R. NY (about 27.1.1783)

John Dies aged 20, born in America, 5'6" 3 years service.

16 Dec 1963

Letter to W 33 Mrs Stanley W. Wedger, 990 Pixley Road
Rochester, N.Y. 14624

Fredericksburgh Tax List 1808

No DIES

Christ Church, William Henry, Sout

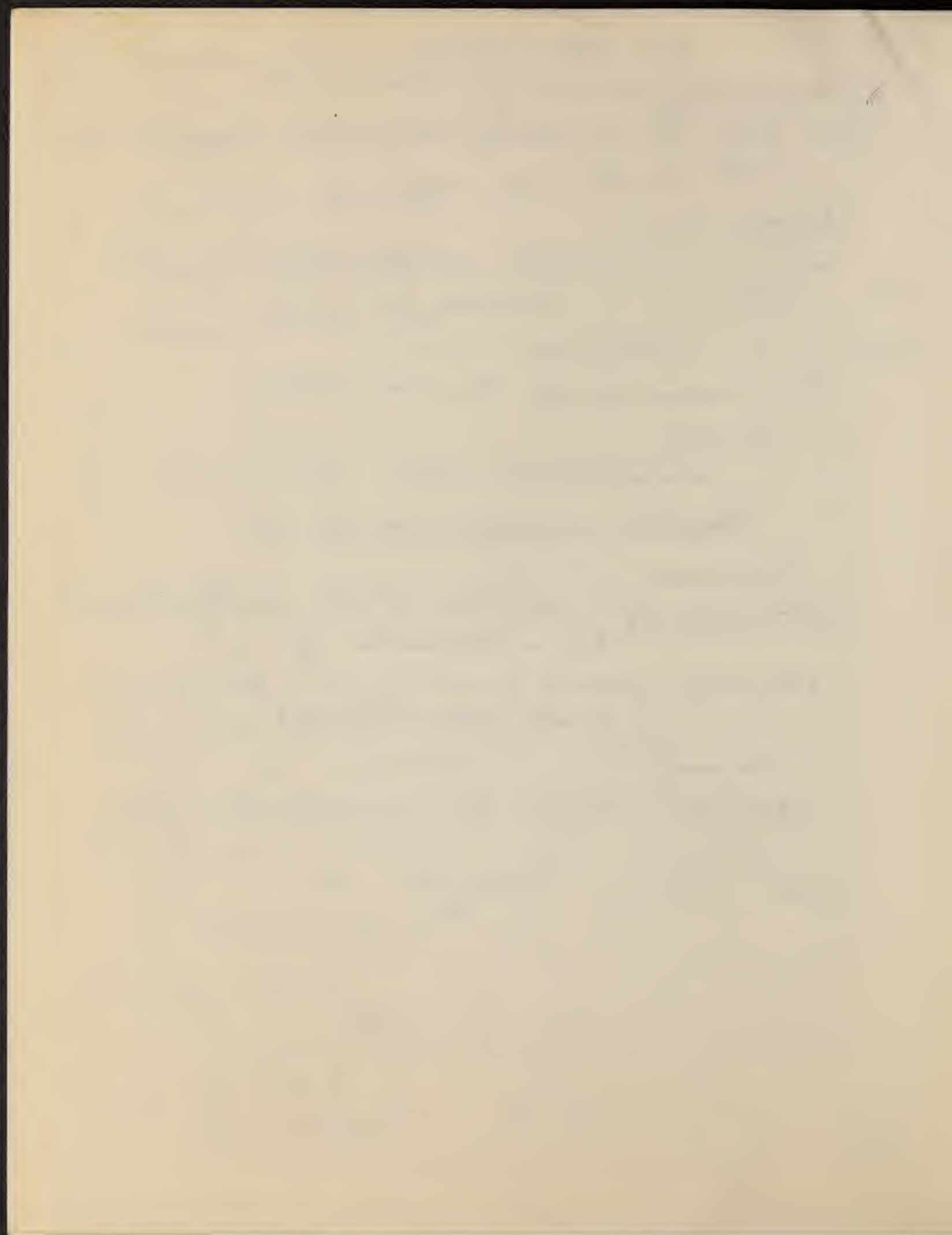
Baptisms

1784. 28 Nov. - John Doty, born 7th inst., son of Jacob Gollet
Dies + Catherine, his wife.

1789. 15 Nov - Elizabeth, daughter of Jacob S. Dies + Catherine,
his wife, born 27 Sept. last.

Marriages

1794. 28 Oct. - William Low, merchant, to Mary Dies.



Reid Index
of
Sons & Daughters of U.E.

Dies, Mathew, of Fredericksburgh, Q Mr K.R.R.N.V. see O.C.
2-1-1817

John of Ernesttown O.C. 6-8-1840(?)
Mathew of Ameliasburgh O.C. 12-10-1841(?)
Lydia L. B. Certe 16/6 Richmond
Rebecca, marr. David Fraser of Ernesttown L. B. Certe
17/6 Richmond
Catharine, marr. Abraham Larraway of Fredericksburgh
6-7-1790 L. B. Certe 13/3 Richmond.

George Dies of Tyendinaga, marr. Meriam, dau. of Benjamin
Babcock, U.E., of Kingston Her O.C. 11-2-1826.

Larraway, Isaac, Sr., of Fredericksburgh 2d Batt. K.R.R.N.V.,
marr. Hannah. O.C. 24 Nov. 1807

5. Abraham, of Fredericksburgh, marr. Katharine Dies 6 July 1790

McDowall Register

Baptisms

Robert Fraser, Rebecca Dies, dau., Euphamey bapt Ernest 10 Jan 1802
" Katharine " " born 8 Jan. 1805.
Thomas " " .. 22 Apr. 1807.



Dies²

L. B. O. (contd)

1786, & 21st July, 1790, but such, as being
entitled to the bounty by the Royal Instructions
of the 7th August, 1783, had cultivated & improved
their lands.

List of Minor Loyalist vict. in Lawrence 24 Jan 1784

Mrs Dies 0 1 1 0 2⁺⁶ Q Mr. 2^d R.R.N.Y.

Must. Roll Tp 3 Fredericksburg 6 Oct 1784.

Q M R Dies 1 1 0 0 4 1⁺¹⁰

Commissioners for Conspiracies

N. Y. State, Albany N.Y. 1778-81.

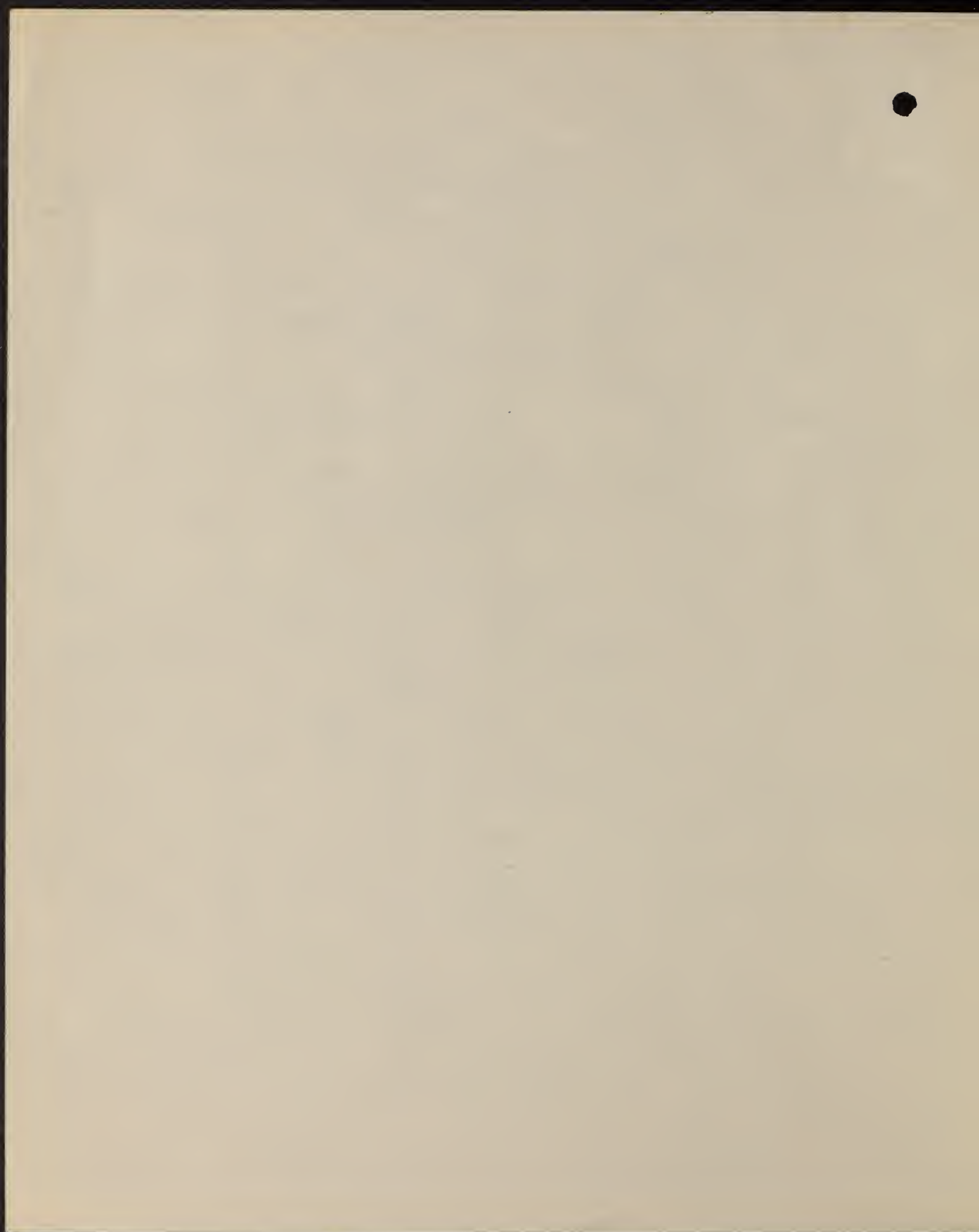
Sept. 15, 1780

A Certificate dated 9th September signed by Samuel
Van Veghtien Esq: one of the Justices of the peace for the
County of Albany was laid before the Board wherein
he sets forth that agreeable to the last mentioned
act of the Legislature he has warned the following
persons to remove out of this State or to such parts
of it as are in the power of the enemy Vist. Catharine
Dies, wife of Jacob Dies, Eva Dies the wife of Mathew
Dies, Mary Van Garde the wife of Benjamin Van Garde,
Elizabeth Lampman the wife of Wilhelmus Lampman,
Gertruyd Dewitt the wife of Evert Dewitt, Jakemyntie
Williams the wife of Frederick Williams, Jane
Pecksen the wife of John Pecksen and Jane Straight the
wife of Thomas Straight —

War Office Papers

Men of 2^d K. R. R. N. Y. Jan 1783

Pte Dies (Dies?) John G. America, aged 20, 5'6" 3 yrs service.



Dies

with 1.20.1793
Dies Matthews = Eva - Peggy³ bp 9.26.1790
Jacob Goebel³ bp 1.20.1793

Katrien³ = Abraham Lonswey³ 7.6.1790

John³ wts 7.6.1790

Rebekah wts³ 8.5.1792, 5.12.1794

U. E. list

John 3 son of Mathew Dies, Senr.
Mathew br 3 Quarter Master R.R.N.V. Stamped
Book. P.L. 1786
Mathew jr 3 Son of Mathew Dies, Senr.

U. E. list Supp - nil

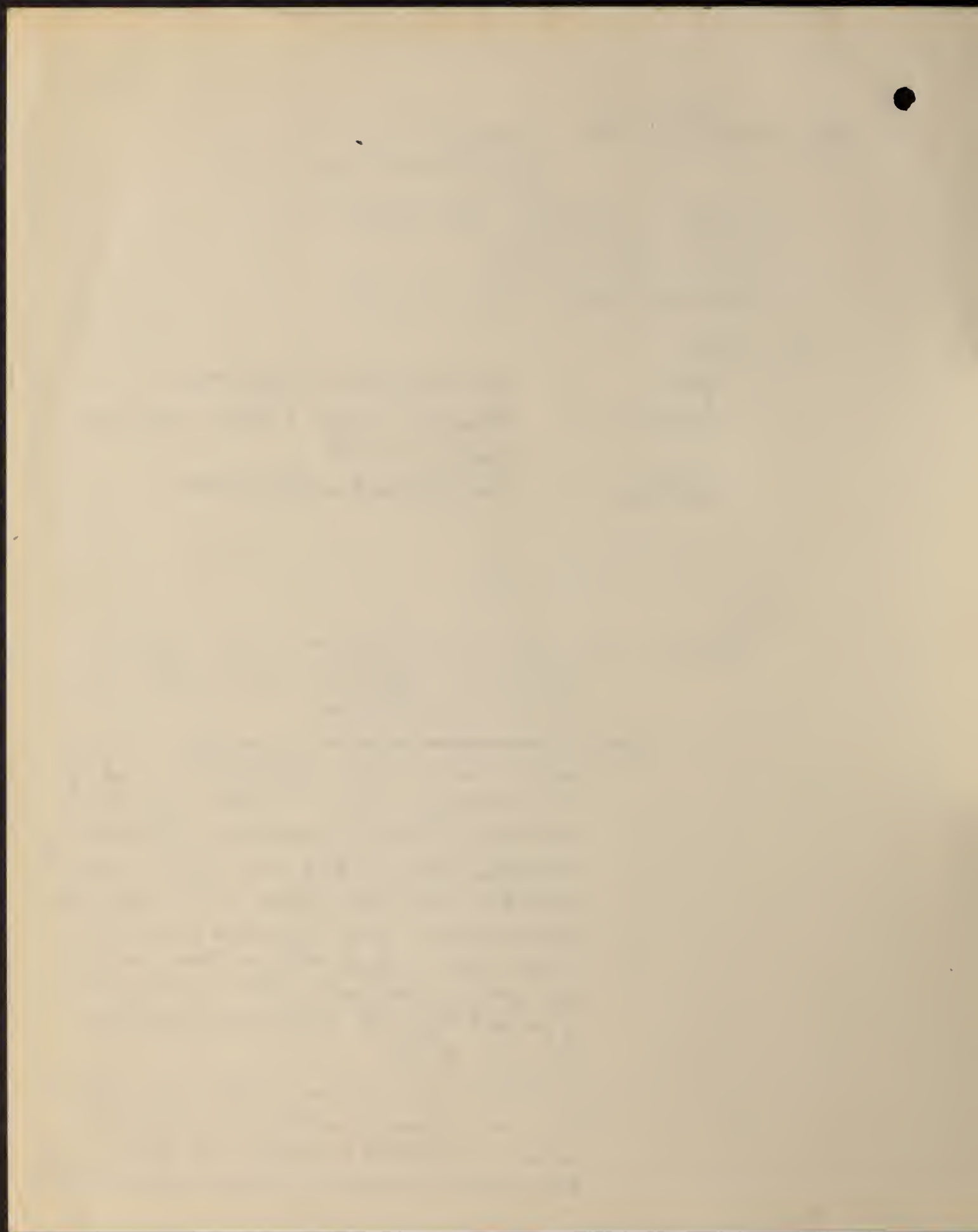
Soy. Claim shortness - nil.

L. B. O

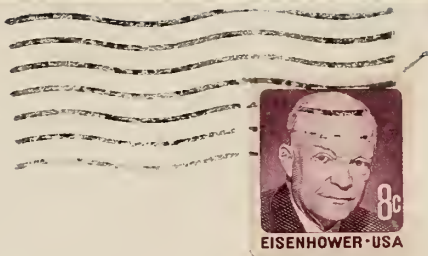
Mathew 1.13.90 Q. Mr. Praying to be put on equal
footing with officers of 84th (with others)
He is only one entitled.

" 7.20.90 The Committee letter contains (from L. B. M.)
some remarks on the minutes of Council of
the 20th of Jan. last: (1) on the subject of a
report from the Bd. of Merchants of the 23d of
September, they think the case of Q. Mr. Dies,
reported by this Committee on 25th Nov., 1789,
deserves again to be considered. The Com-
mittee again repeat that Mr. Dies can be
put upon no better footing than was the Q. Mr.
of the 84th Regt with respect to His Majesty's
fourty in lands.

" 1.7.91 Mr. Dies's case. This Committee concur with the
Land Committee upon the principle, that no
person is entitled to additional lands under
His Lordship's Order-in-Council of the 22d Oct,



Dies
File



H. C. Burleigh, M.D.
Bath, Ontario
Canada

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Leonard H. Q. 32.5
Low Nathaniel
- Herold J. Jennett
Boyer McDaniel
oc 27.11 34 Schooling

Replied

2.4.72

Mrs. Stanley Wells Widger
990 Pixley Road
Rochester, New York 14624

Feb 18, 1972

Dear Mr. Burleigh-

Do you remember me?

In 1963/4 you sent me a great deal of genealogical information of much value to me. I had to do with Matthew Bliss - my husband's great-great grandfather. From your material, I have gone on to find out much more about the Bliss, the Gallets, Van Laons etc. We have obtained copies of the portraits of Matthew's parents, John and Jane Gallet Bliss by Wallaston that now belong to Amherst College.

The Historian of Greene
County and I have become
good friends through our
correspondence re: the Dies
and we have learned more
from each other. We now
have a picture of the
Dies home built in the
1750's in Catskill - but
torn down in the 1890's.

We wish we could picture Matthew!
In looking up more
material to send to Mrs.
Mabel Parker Smith - the Historian,
for a paper she is giving
on the Dies family - I came
across your letters and
information and copies of
material I sent to you
on the Howe families
of Livingston County, N. Y.

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A friend of ours who loves
N.Y. State History has embarked
on a marvellous venture. He
plans to reprint early N.Y. State
Atlases for each County that
had one. So far he has done
Monroe, Livingston, Seneca-Wyoming-
Wayne, Erie and Ontario -
bringing one out every other
month. He is keeping the price
amazingly low and they
are excellent reprints and
well bound. He has given
me the extra maps from
the printers over runs.
I thought I'd check for
your family and so am
enclosing 2 maps that
show land mentioned in

the Howe deeds. Beers made
the surveys and the
original Livingston County
Atlas was printed in 1872.

If you will note: West
Sparta - lower right #128 -
Miss Coffee + Dr. Patchin. Both
of these names + this lot #
appear on Howe deeds. You
will note on looking at
Portage that your T. Howe
himself appears.

I have only done
research sporadically for
some time on my family
corner first. Since we
last corresponded our stake

3 daughter was graduated
Cum Laude from Oberlin College
last spring - had $1\frac{1}{2}$
year at U. Mass. toward
6 masters in Physical Ed
but is now taking spring
term off to Kayak in the
South.

Our son is a senior at
Williams College in Mass.
Today we learned he has
been elected to Phi Beta
Kappa. He has a low draft
so uncle Sam will probably
get him first but he
plans to go into law - not
medicine. Our "baby" -

is a high school Junior +
today he was taken into the National

Honor Society. So - they
are good beds & deserve
to come ahead of genealogy!
My wonderful mother passed
away in November - 93 -
& my Dad, also a remarkable
93. require more & more
attention.

I do have one request -
if you have any suggestions
I have two Canadian
based problems. My Great-
Great grandmother - according
to her children's Census Records
listing "birthplace of mother"
was born in Nova Scotia but
my mother insisted she'd
always been told that her
gr-grandmother was a Scots woman.

4) and (typical of family tradition)

a noblewoman, who ran off
with the family Coachman
to come to the new World,

Anyway - I think that
is "malarkey" - but no
doubt she may have been
Scotch. Her name was

Nancy Charlotte Grubb -
(I can't imagine a Scotch
nobleman named "Grubb" -
can you?) - but she was
apparently a Widow Colver
when @ 1804 she married
as his 3rd wife - my gr-gr.
Grandfather Roswell P. Graham
of Batavia, N.Y. Because
he was an honored Rev
Soldier - I think she didn't

dare open her mouth
about her family, for
her daughter — my gr-
grandmother, left a scrap
book naming her father's
1st 5 wives + children
as well as her many brothers
+ sisters but only said —
"my mother — Nancy Charlotte
Grubb Colver was born
15 1782."

The only hopeful clue I
have is my mother said
that she had relatives that
used to visit from Canada
named Leonard. And my gr-
grandmother Nancy Graham
Coddington's scrap book

5. Contained Leonard Clippings.
providing information I'll
list separately.

Should you be able
to suggest a person
to whom I might write
for help in this area
I would be most
grateful.

I hope you will
find the maps of
interest. I think it
is always fascinating
to locate one's family
in a specific area at
a given time.

I also have maps of

Wyoming Co. but found
no Hauer in the town
of Pike that had been mentioned.

Most sincerely—

Jane Terry Widger

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Mrs. Stanley Wells Widger
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Gleaned from news clippings
in a scrap book kept by
Mrs. William Asher Coddington
(Nancy Pauline Graham)

b. 1807 Batavia N. Y.
m. 1825 William Asher Coddington
b. 1804 Rahway, N. J.
d. 1900 Buffalo, N. Y.

In 1830, brother, Lyman
and the Honorable Eleazer Leonard
built a foundry near Yarmouth,
Ont. Canada. Lyman's son,
Wm. E. Leonard married Eliza
Lawton. His grandson - William
J. Leonard married Letitia Locke.
Both Williams were associated
with the Southern Loan

Association of Yarmouth.
Lymani widow, "A. Leonard"-
was living with a daughter
+ her husband - a Dr. + Mrs.
MARLOTT of Dylmer, Ont. Can.
around 1898.

My mother talked of
"Aunt Eleiza + Uncle Will
Leonard." She thought
that the Lymani Leonard
mentioned married a daughter
of her gr. grandmother Nancy
Gubb Colver Graham +
her first husband Colver.

I want to learn all
I can about this Leonard
family seeking for
a Colver connection.

A child of this
Nancy Gubb Colver Graham

I was given the middle
name of BROCK, &
wondered if this Canadian
mother might have held
out for a Canadian General
since she had - Geo. Wash.
Graham; Benjamin Franklin
Graham; Betty Ross
Graham; Henry Clay Graham,
etc to suit her American
Patriot husband.

I have written several
letters to historical societies
in Canada about this
Leonard family with no
results.

I also understood my
great grandfather William Asher
Coddington may have had

a loyalist grandfather -
Asher Coddington -
but have no "proof". His
father - Asher Coddington
died in 1807 in Rahway,
N. J.

I don't feel under any
obligation to answer unless
you could give me
a suggestion or two
for Leonard - Calver
research.

Sincerely -

Jane Terrey Widger

Maps mailed separately:

